

RESOURCES

WWW.MISSINGKIDS.COM

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN IS A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

WWW.CYBERTIPLINE.COM

1-800-843-5678

CYBERTIPLINE IS A SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN TO REPORT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN.

WWW.NETSMARTZ.ORG

INTERACTIVE, AGE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD TO PROMOTE SAFETY ON THE INTERNET.

WWW.ISAFE.ORG

I-SAFE PROGRAM OFFERS A VARIETY OF RESOURCES, INCLUDING AGE APPROPRIATE CLASSROOM CURRICULUM TO EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY.

WWW.NSOPR.GOV

THE NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY IS A PUBLIC DATABASE THAT PROVIDES SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BASED ON NAME OR ZIP CODE.

WWW.ALERTXPRESS.COM

1-866-559-8017

MARYLAND SEX OFFENDER ALERT PROGRAM REGISTER TO RECEIVE A PHONE CALL, EMAIL OR BOTH WHEN AN OFFENDER MOVES INTO YOUR ZIP CODE AREA.

WWW.DPSCS.STATE.MD.US

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES' WEBSITE OFFERS SEVERAL METHODS OF SEARCHING FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS, INCLUDING A MAPPING SYSTEM TO FIND OFFENDERS WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM ANY ADDRESS.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESOURCES

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES HOTLINE
240.777.4417 (24 HOURS)

CRISIS CENTER, 240.777.4000 (24 HOURS)

WWW.MONTGOMERYSCHOOLSMD.ORG/INFO/CYBERSAFETY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
301-279-3669 - M - F (8 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.)

WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
301.279.8000 - NON-EMERGENCY
911 - EMERGENCY

WWW.COMMUNITYPROSECUTION.ORG

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
240-777-7300



Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Police
FAMILY CRIMES DIVISION
PEDOPHILE SECTION
240-773-5400
www.montgomerycountymd.gov

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

J. THOMAS MANGER
CHIEF OF POLICE



FAMILY CRIMES DIVISION **PEDOPHILE SECTION**

240-773-5400

PEDOPHILE SECTION

PEDOPHILE SECTION INVESTIGATES THE FOLLOWING CRIMES INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18:

- RAPES AND SEX OFFENSES WHERE THE SUSPECT IS UNKNOWN TO THE CHILD
- CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
- SEXUAL SOLICITATION AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN ON THE INTERNET
- COMPLAINTS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OF A SEXUAL NATURE INVOLVING CHILDREN; FOR EXAMPLE, AN UNKNOWN MALE APPROACHING A CHILD AT A BUS STOP

THE PEDOPHILE SECTION IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE, A NATIONAL NETWORK OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT INVESTIGATES AND PROSECUTES INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE INTERNET TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN.

THE PEDOPHILE SECTION WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S CYBERTIPLINE TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION INCLUDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF CHILDREN.

THE PEDOPHILE SECTION HAS EXPERT FORENSIC INTERVIEWING CAPABILITIES FOR INTERVIEWING CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE FORENSIC INTERVIEWER ASSISTS CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 3 YEARS OF AGE TO BE COMPETENT FACT REPORTERS.

A FORENSIC COMPOSITE ARTIST IS ON STAFF TO CREATE A HAND-DRAWN LIKENESS OF THE PERPETRATOR BASED ON VICTIM AND WITNESS INTERVIEWS.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEDOPHILE SECTION HAVE DEVELOPED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ON SAFE INTERNET USE. THE SUGGESTIONS THAT FOLLOW WILL HELP TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE SEXUAL PREDATORS.

SEXTING

"SEXTING" IS DEFINED AS THE ACT OF SENDING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOGRAPHS OR SEXUAL TEXT MESSAGES ELECTRONICALLY WHICH ARE PRIMARILY TRANSMITTED BETWEEN CELL PHONES. TEENS ARE INCREASINGLY ENGAGING IN THIS ACTIVITY WITHOUT ADEQUATELY UNDERSTANDING ITS CONSEQUENCES. WHILE THE GOAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PREVENTION, THE TAKING AND/OR SENDING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOGRAPHS ELECTRONICALLY CAN BE CONSIDERED A CRIME.

CYBERBULLYING

"CYBERBULLYING" IS INTENTIONALLY EMBARRASSING, HUMILIATING, INTIMIDATING, THREATENING OR TARGETING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF PEOPLE USING A VARIETY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION METHODS. CYBERBULLYING BECOMES A CRIMINAL ACT WHEN IT CAUSES THE RECIPIENT TO BECOME FEARFUL FOR THEIR SAFETY.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- KEEP COMPUTERS IN A COMMON AREA.
- TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SAFE INTERNET PRACTICE.
- ESTABLISH SAFETY RULES.
- MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMPUTER AND CELL PHONE USE BY CHECKING HISTORY, TEMPORARY FILES AND RECENT DOWNLOADS.

- EXPLORE THE INTERNET WITH YOUR CHILD.
- KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S PASSWORDS.
- TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO TRUST THEIR INSTINCTS AND TELL A TRUSTED ADULT WHEN SOMEONE MAKES THEM FEEL SCARED, UNCOMFORTABLE, OR CONFUSED.
- INVESTIGATE BLOCKING AND FILTERING APPLICATIONS TO CONTROL ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE WEBSITES.

SAFETY RULES

- NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE WHOSE SCREEN NAME IS NOT KNOWN.
- NEVER IM OR "BUDDY LIST" ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW.
- NEVER RESPOND TO MESSAGING OR BULLETIN BOARD POSTINGS THAT ARE SUGGESTIVE, OBSCENE, OR HARASSING.
- NEVER ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ANYONE MET ONLINE.
- NEVER POST INFORMATION OR PHOTOGRAPHS THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR PARENTS OR TEACHERS TO SEE.

KEYS TO KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

EDUCATE YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ONLINE PREDATORS

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT SAFE AND APPROPRIATE ONLINE ACTIVITY

REPORT INSTANCES OF SEXUAL SOLICITATION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, CYBERBULLYING OR SEXTING TO POLICE.